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NEW VARIETIES OF PEONIES FOR MASS PLANTING
In GARDENS, ESTATES and PARKS

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Any mass planting of named standard kinds of Peonies will make a fine color effect taken as a whole. But when one goes among the flowers and studies them individually he finds the old, old kinds, and no thrill in them.

People like to read new magazines, new novels, to wear the new styles in clothes, and at the Auten Peony Fields where many outstanding new Peonies are now being developed, this same interest in new things is shown continually. Many visitors will scarcely notice the fine standard kinds, but go back and forth among the seedling beds exclaiming over the unending variations in form and color.

In this leaflet are offered many of these new seedlings at a price low enough to permit of mass planting, so that one can now have the double pleasure of a mass of color, and of new forms and colors that invite intimate study. This gives distinction to any garden, estate or park that may use them.

As cut flowers, many of these varieties will give new interest to the indoor use of Peonies.

New varieties of Peonies are obtained from seed. At six years of age a bed of seedlings has bloomed once or twice, every plant theoretically different, and a new variety. The very best are then taken out of the original beds, divided into from two to eight pieces, reset, and grown to large clumps. This year I took notes on nearly 900 different new seedlings that had been selected in 1927 and 1928. Among them were some so fine that they will be named and introduced. Many others were beautiful but not up to the extra high standard now required of a new named variety. These I have classified by form of bloom, and am offering herewith. As many different kinds as possible will be included in each order, but every plant will not be different.

Class A. ADVANCED DOUBLES and SEMI-DOUBLES. Only the best of these have been chosen, and those with tight buds that do not open well have been left out. They include 49 white kinds, 97 pinks and 54 reds, and orders will be filled in that proportion. Price- 25 to 100, at 26¢ each: 100 or more, at 20¢ each.

Class B. ADVANCED JAPANESE and ANEMONE types. It is not always possible to distinguish between these two types, so they are offered together, as the general effect is similar. Many are fragrant, as a rule they are carried well, and are free bloomers. This is a most unusual offering and includes 94 different kinds. Price- 25 to 100, at 40 cents each: 100 or more, at 35 cents each.

Class C. ADVANCED SINGLES. 115 different kinds. A bed of these would have to be seen to realize fully the charm of the single Peony. In addition singles do not suffer so badly from a storm as do the heavy doubles. Price- 25 to 100, at 34 cents each: 100 or more, at 30 cents each.

Class D. SEEDLINGS from the original beds, where every clump is a new variety. Mixed colors, all types mixed, singles, doubles, a few Japs. Price- 25 to 100, at 20 cents each: 100 or more, at 15 cents each.

All the above prices are for standard 3 to 5 cye divisions. If total order amounts to 100 roots or more, all prices may be figured at 100 rates. ADVANCED Seedlings will be tagged under number and description furnished for additional charge of 2 cents each, minimum charge, \$1.00. Planting of old clumps is not recommended, but they can be furnished if desired at 6 times the division price, plus actual cost of packing.

Peonies should be planted 4 feet apart each way if possible, thus requiring about 2600 divisions per acre. 100 divisions can be put in a bed 40 feet square. For single row, they may be set as close as 3 feet.

Terms - net cash, F. O. B. Princeville, Ill. No charge for packing standard divisions.

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PEONIES THAT ARE DIFFERENT.

